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Applicant: Moores et al

Group Art Unit: 1745

Examiner: Stephen J. Kalafut

Title: BATTERY COOLING SYSTEM

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby submits an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration by the Examiner.

I. LIST OF PATENTS, PUBLICATIONS, AND OTHER INFORMATION

The patents, publications and other information requested to be considered by the Office (except unpublished U.S. patent applications) are listed on Form 1449 attached hereto.

II. COPIES

A. Submitted herewith is a legible copy of (i) each U.S. patent application publication and U.S. and foreign patent; (ii) each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; (iii) for each cross-referenced pending U.S. application listed below in Section IV, the application specification including the claims, and any drawing of the application which caused it to be listed including the claims directed to that portion; and (iv) all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed.

B. XX Any patents, publications or other information which are listed on Form 1449 or on the copies of PTO-892, but which are not enclosed herewith, were previously cited by or submitted to the PTO in one of the following applications which has been relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120:

U.S. Serial Number

09/992,633
09/035,586

U.S. Filing Date

November 19, 2001
March 5, 1998

C. Because the present application was/is being filed after June 30, 2003, no copies of the U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications which are listed on the attached Form 1449 are enclosed pursuant to the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i). Any foreign patent documents or non-patent literature listed on the attached Form 1449 are enclosed herewith.

D. This is a PCT application in the entry of the National Phase in the United States. A copy of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information. The documents listed on the International Search Report are listed on the attached Form-1449 for consideration by the Examiner and for listing on any patent resulting from this application. If the International Search Report was from the US, EPO, or JPO search authorities, copies of these references should have been supplied to the USPTO under the trilateral agreement and are believed to be in the file of the above-identified application. (MPEP 1893.03(g))

III. CONCISE EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE (check at least one box)

A. Except as may be indicated below in (B), all of the patents, publications or other information are in the English language (concise explanation not required).

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1. See the attached foreign patent office communication from a counterpart foreign application.
2. English translations are provided.
3. Other:

C. The following additional information is provided for the Examiner's consideration.

IV. CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION(S)

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C. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d):

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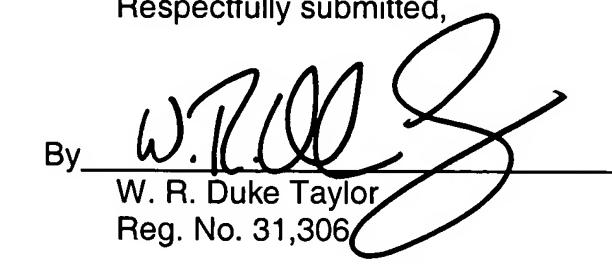
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Respectfully submitted,

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1.		1,036,063	8/1912	Bedell et al.		
2.		1,152,247	8/1915	Walker		
3.		2,104,772	1/1938	Saunders		
4.		3,767,468	10/1973	Schusler		
5.		4,107,402	8/1978	Dougherty et al.		
6.		4,517,263	5/1985	Reiss et al.		
7.		4,522,898	6/1985	Esrom		
8.		4,847,513	9/1979	Katz et al.		
9.		5,204,609	4/1993	Alisauki		
10.		5,229,702	7/1993	Boehling et al.		
11.		5,447,807	9/1995	Peled et al.		
12.		5,456,994	10/1995	Mita		
13.		5,480,734	1/1996	Schulz et al.		
14.		5,799,739	9/1998	Takaada et al.		
15.		5,866,276	2/1999	Ogami et al.		
16.		6,049,191	4/2000	Terazoe et al.		
17.		6,066,938	5/2000	Hyodo et al.		
18.		6,455,186	9/2002	Moores, Jr. et al.		

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2.		DE4327391	2/1995	Germany			
3.		EP0920105	6/1999	EPO			
4.		JP 56-88267	7/1981	Japan			
5.		JP 56-126270	10/1981	Japan			
6.		JP 56-126271	10/1981	Japan			
7.		JP 57-156635	9/1982	Japan			
8.		JP 58-19879	2/1983	Japan			
9.		JP 58-164150	9/1983	Japan			
10.		JP 59-92545	6/1984	Japan			
11.		JP 60-38043	3/1985	Japan			
12.		JP 60-187456	12/1985	Japan			
13.		JP 62-119131	7/1987	Japan			
14.		JP 63-120534	8/1988	Japan			
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16.		JP 4-236134	8/1992	Japan			
17.		JP 5-37634	9/1993	Japan			
18.		JP 5-326024	12/1993	Japan			
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24.		JP 09259940	2/1997	Japan		
25.		JP 9-63656	3/1997	Japan		
26.		JP 10-3950	1/1998	Japan		
27.		JP 8-185899	7/1996	Japan		Abstract
28.		JP 8-185898	7/1996	Japan		Abstract
29.		JP 11-122829	4/1999	Japan		Abstract
30.		EP 0 681 156	3/1995	EPO		Abstract
31.		WO 00/36969	6/2000	WIPO		
32.		DE 4234231	4/1994	Germany		Abstract
33.		EP 0 649 208	4/1995	EPO		
34.		DE 4029018	3/1992	Germany		Abstract
35.		EP 0 593 869	8/1993	EPO		Abstract
36.		DE 3242901	5/1984	Germany		Abstract
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